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National Weather Service Updates Flood Stages at the Llano River near Mason, TX

The National Weather Service forecast office in San Angelo, TX, Mason County Emergency Management Officials and the West Gulf River Forecast Center have updated the flood stages for the Llano River near Mason. The change became effective on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. The U.S. Geological Survey changed the datum at this location, resulting in a permanent 5 foot increase in the reported river levels. This subsequently resulted in a 5 foot increase in the flood stage levels.

The following critical threshold levels will be changed as follows: Llano River near Mason (MLRT2)

Action Stage 11 feet Flood Stage/Minor Flood 18 feet Moderate Flood Stage 24 feet Major Flood Stage 28 feet

"The updated flood stage levels for the Llano River near Mason, TX will provide continued, consistent flood warning services for the citizens in this region," said Amy Campbell, meteorologist-in-charge of the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in San Angelo. The San Angelo WFO provides all weather services for 24 counties in West Central Texas. The office collects meteorological data, prepares and disseminates weather forecasts, river and flood forecasts and warnings, and issues severe weather watches and warnings to the public.

The West Gulf River Forecast Center (WGRFC) prepares river stage forecasts for more than 350 locations along major rivers in the South Central portion of the United States. Covering approximately (400,000) square miles, the center's area of responsibility includes West Central Texas. These forecasts are then forwarded to National Weather Service forecast offices throughout its service area for dissemination to the public.

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